

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and claims 27-44 are withdrawn. Claims 15-27 are cancelled. Claims 52-64 are added. Claims 28-44 and 51 are withdrawn-currently amended to address the claim renumbering issue noted by the United States Patent & Trademark Office.

Claims 15-16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,375,688 issued to Akami et al. Claims 19-27 and 45-50 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As suggested by the examiner, claim 17 (now claim 52), 19 (now claim 55), 21 (now claim 57), and claim 45 are amended as independent claims that include the language of original claim 15. Therefore, withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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